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EXPORT OF IRON ORE FROM NMDC OWNED MINES
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether 90 per cent of Iron ore have been exported from the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC) owned mines during the last three years;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the steel workers have been demanding total ban on export of the iron ore especially the hematite variety and conserve this precious raw material for domestic captive consumption;and

(d) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (SHRI JITIN PRASADA)

(a)&(b): No, Sir.

(c)&(d): From time to time, demands have been raised from various quarters regarding ban on export of iron ore. The matter of export of iron ore has been considered by the Government and it has been decided that although conservation of iron ore resources of the country is of paramount importance, the same may not be achieved by banning or capping the export of iron ore but by taking recourse to appropriate fiscal measures.An export duty of 5% ad-valorem is presently levied on all varieties of iron ore other than fines.